GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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STOPPAGE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had stopped financial assistance to several states for Road construction and maintenance as they had not been adhering to the loading norms for goods transport vehicles;

(b) if so, the names of States to whom assistance has been stopped;

(c) the reaction of these States;

(d) whether the Government propose to restore the financial assistance; and

(e) if so, by when the assistance is likely to be restored?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) and (b) : A decision was taken to withold the release of funds from the Central Road Fund (CRF) to seven states,namely, Chandigarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh due to issue of special passes/tokens/cards by these States which facilitated overloading of vehicles in violation of the provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

(c), (d) and (e) : The Governments of Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Orissa have informed the Union Government that the special passes/tokens/cards have been withdrawn and a decision has now been taken to release funds from the CRF to these States. A decision to resume the release of funds to the remaining States will depend on the response of these State Governments on this issue.